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For: A PROCESS FOR IMPARTING AND ENHANCEMENT OF COLOURS IN  
GEMSTONE MINERALS AND GEMSTONE MINERALS OBTAINED  
THEREBY

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January 25, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is  
attached.

31. A colour induced/enhanced mineral substrate prepared by the process of claim 1 wherein said substrate comprises a gemstone selected from topaz and sapphire.

**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

31. A colour induced/enhanced mineral substrate prepared by the process of claims 1 to 30 wherein said substrate comprises a gemstone selected from topaz and sapphire.